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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and are not in any order based on their pertinence.

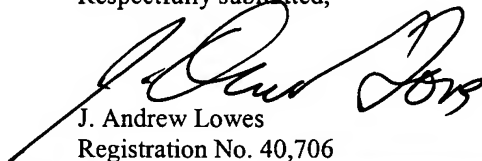
The above-identified application was filed after June 30, 2003. Therefore, pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) as stated in a Pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, copies of only the foreign patent documents listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449 are attached.

The undersigned first became aware of the cited patents by their inclusion in an International Search Report issued by the EPO in May, 2005, in the PCT counterpart of the present application. A copy of the search report is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-1394.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

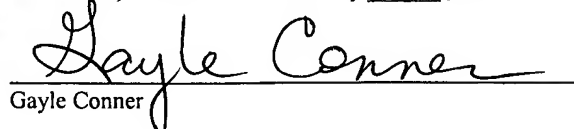
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